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FOR AMBASSADOR GAT:S FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY HUMMEL

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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH CODEL CURTIS

1. THE SECRETARY MET FOR OVER AN HOUR WITH MEMBERS OF CODEL CURTIS NOVEMBER 4 (MEMBERS PRESENT INCLUDED SENATOR AND MRS. BAYH, SENATOR AND MRS. YOUNG, SENATOR AND MRS. HOLLINGS, SENATOR AND MRS. JOHNSTON, MRS. STEVENS, MR. AND MRS. WOLTHUIS, AND DICK HART), DURING WHICH HE URGED DELEGATION TO INCLUDE USLO CHIEF AND SEVERAL OF HIS OFFICERS IN PEKING MEETINGS. YOU MAY WISH TO FOLLOW UP ON DELEGATION'S ARRIVAL.

2. IN OTHER RESPECTS, SECRETARY PROVIDED GENERAL REVIEW OF PRC DOMESTIC DEVELOPMENTS AND BRIEF DISCUSSION OF US-PRC RELATIONS. HE URGED THE DELEGATION TO LEAVE THE TAIWAN ISSUE ALONE IN THEIR MEETINGS WITH THE CHINESE, NOT ONLY BECAUSE CHINESE MAY NOT BE SURE FOR WHOM DELEGATION IS SPEAKING BUT BECAUSE OF IMPLICATIONS FOR NEXT ADMINISTRATION. HE SUGGESTED THAT IF SUBJECT OF NORMAL-
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IZATION AROSE, DELEGATION SHOULD INDICATE SUPPORT BUT NOT

IN TERMS OF ANY SPECIFIC FORMULA. HE EXPRESSED HOPE
DELEGATION COULD ALSO STRESS ELEMENTS OF CONTINUITY IN US

POLICY IN VIEW OF UNCERTAINTY ABROAD AS TO WHAT NEW
ADMINISTRATION MEANS.

3. THE SECRETARY NOTED THAT SUBJECTS OF SUPPLYING
MILITARY EQUIPMENT OR ENGAGING IN TECHNICAL COOPERATION
HAVE NOT BEEN DISCUSSED WITH CHINESE. HE ADDED THAT THERE
IS NO PLAN FOR THE SALE OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT NOR HAVE THE
CHINESE EVER ASKED FOR IT. HE ALSO NOTED POSSIBILITY OF
STRONG SOVIET REACTION IF US MOVED IN THIS DIRECTION.

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